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SUBJECT: JOINT DOD/PUERTO RICO COMMUNIQUE ON CULEBRA

1. ON JULY 1, 1975 DOD AND GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH STATED THAT WEAPONS TRAINING ACTIVITIES ON CULEBRA WOULD BE TERMINATED BY JULY 1, 1975 AND "WEAPONS TRAINING ON THE CULEBRA CAYS SHOULD CEASE AS SOON AFTER JULY 1, 1975 AS POSSIBLE, BUT IN NO CASE SHOULD THE TRAINING BE CONDUCTED ON THE CAYS LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 1975."

2. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS CONCERNING DOG ISLAND ARE QUOTED BELOW IN FULL.

"FOLLOWING ENACTMENT OF THIS LEGISLATION AND THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT LAST YEAR OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION, UNCLASSIFIED

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A COMMISSION, JOINTLY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO

RICO AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, HAS BEEN DILIGENTLY AT WORK IN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO IDENTIFY A SUITABLE SITE TO WHICH THE CULEBRA TRAINING CAN BE RELOCATED. THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY AN ACCEPTABLE SITE IN PUERTO RICO, BUT THIS EFFORT HAS IDENTIFIED DOG ISLAND AS A POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE SITE.

"DOG ISLAND IS A SMALL, WATERLESS, UNINHABITED ISLAND TEN MILES NORTHWEST OF ANGUILLA. BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USE OF DOG ISLAND AS A TARGET FACILITY FOR NON-EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, THERE HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PROVISION OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY TO THE INHABITANTS OF ANGUILLA. FURTHER CAREFUL STUDY WILL BE NEEDED OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL, TECHNICAL, SOCIOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS CONCERNED TO CONFIRM THE FEASIBILITY OF THIS PROJECT. DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING.

"THE COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE ITS WORK UNTIL A SUITABLE LOCATION SITE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED."

3. FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE WILL BE POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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